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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No. An extent of 7,600 acres of surveyed lands are already held by tenants either under *marupats* executed in favour of the late *sthani* or under indentures granted for terms of five years, by the Collector of Malabar. The lands in Vallapetta Malavaram are already being leased out annually to cultivators."

* 534 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations directly and also through the Collector of Malabar on behalf of 32 tenants in Koothali Estate, North Malabar, that they be given on lease the lands in their possession ordered to be surrendered by the Tellicherry Sub-Court in O.S. No. 43 of 1954; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes. The suit number is O.S. No. 43 of 1951.

" (*b*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government. I may also inform hon. Members that a Member of the Board of Revenue has been asked to go into the whole matter and submit his report. Government will be taking decisions on the basis of that report as soon as it is received."

Training Centres for Village Guides and Gramasevaks.

* 535 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of centres set up for training Gramasevaks; and

(*b*) the financial assistance received from the Central Government so far towards the scheme?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Eight—There are two Extension Training Centres for training Village Guides and six Gramasevak Training Centres for training Gramasevaks—in all, eight—in this State.

" (*b*) Extension Training Centres (2)—

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From Government of India ...	53,421	2	3
From Ford Foundation	70,797	9	6
	1,24,218	11	9 "

SRI A. RATNAM :—" கிராம சேவகர்களுடைய வேலை என்ன ? இந்த திட்டத்தின் கீழ் ஒரு ஆண்டு காலமாக பணம் செலவழிக்கப்படுகிறது. ஆனால் கிராம சேவகர்கள் வேலை ஒன்றும் செய்யாது உண்டுவிட்டு உலாவி வருகிறார்கள் என்பது அரசாங்கத்துக்கு தெரியுமா ? அவர்களைக் கொண்டு இந்த் திட்டத்தை நல்ல முறையில் நிறைவேற்ற அரசாங்கம் முயற்சி எடுக்குமா ? "

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The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I totally repudiate the insinuation made by the hon. Member that these candidates who are trained for village work are simply eating and spending their time idly. If the hon. Member wants to know details about the time-table of work carried out in these institutes he might give notice of a separate question."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Are the Gramasevikas related to Gramasevaks, Sir? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The hon. Member need not very much concern himself about this. Of course there are women seviks and men sevaks."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Do Government provide employment for the trainees who got out of these centres? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Of course, we do not spend money on these trainees for nothing. We do need lots of village level workers for carrying out our Rural Development Works. As soon as the training is over, these trainees are taken for rural development work."

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" May I know, Sir, whether in the matter of recruitment of candidates for training as Gramsevaks preference is given to people coming from villages and those belonging to Harijan community and Backward Classes? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. Applications are called for and applicants are interviewed by a Committee constituted by the Government for various regions. They do take into account all these considerations."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" கடலூர் தாலுக்கா Block Development Committee-யில் நானும் ஒரு அங்கத்தினராக இருக்கிறேன். இரண்டு மூன்று கூட்டங்களில் கிராம சேவகர்கள் என்ன என்ன வேலைகள் செய்கிறார்கள் என்று கேட்டதற்கு அவர்கள் சும்மா சாப்பிட்டுவிட்டு சுற்றிக்கொண்டு வருகிறார்கள் என்று சொன்னார்கள். அதன்பேரில்தான் இக் கேள்வி எழுந்தது. எனவே இது விஷயத்தில் அமைச்சரவர்கள் போதிய கவனம் செலுத்துவார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன் ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the previous comments of the hon. Member related to the training that is being given at these centres and now the hon. Member refers to the work of certain village level workers who have already been employed. If he has got any specific complaints to make against the workers or the officers, he can bring them to my notice. I will look into them. But I do not think any useful purpose would be served by mixing up one with the other."

Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Sir, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether the committee intended to select these candidates consists of Members belonging to the Harijan community and Backward Class communities? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that very poor representation is given to Harijans in the matter of recruitment of Gramsevaks? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I can assure the hon. Member that if candidates are forthcoming, I think more than adequate representation will be given to them."

Construction of a road from Pookottoor to Manjeri in Ernad taluk.

* 536 *Q.*—SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the work of the new road from Pookottoor to Manjeri in Ernad taluk is left incomplete ;

(*b*) the present stage of the work; and

(*c*) when it is likely to be completed?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) There is no proposal to form a new road from Pookottoor to Manjeri.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Does not arise."

SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB :—" May I know, Sir, whether the work of laying the road was actually commenced and left incomplete at one stage? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" There is no road. There is only a pathway. There is no need to metal the footpath."

Construction of a canal on the right side of Malampuzha Reservoir.

* 537 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 166 (starred) given on 15th March 1954 whether the Government have taken a final decision regarding the claims of the cultivators of the right bank of the Malampuzha Reservoir for irrigation facilities?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The construction of a canal on the right side at a cost of Rs. 75 lakhs to benefit about six thousand acres of land will be approved by the Government shortly."